



Small School Big Ideas

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**A Nut Free School**

Dear Parents,

Last week began to feel a bit like Christmas, as we rehearsed and recorded our carol singing ready for the Christmas tree lighting tomorrow. We cannot gather outside the pub as usual, sadly, but our carols will be launched virtually at 6pm to coincide with the lighting of the tree in the village. Look out on Facebook, Twitter and our school website. See Facebook and Twitter today for a short trailer advertising this! The children sang brilliantly and remembered the actions very well!

### Celebrations

Last week, the awards went to:

- Alfie B (in Rowan) for great attitude and reading
- Luke (in Willow) for a fantastic score on TT Rockstars
- Olivia (in Oak) for fabulous writing

The Headteacher Award went to Tanith for enthusiastic singing at the forest and leading a little group with the actions



### Picture News

**Story:** Plans to dig a road tunnel, near the ancient monument site of Stonehenge in Salisbury, have been approved by the Transport Secretary.

**Question:** Should a tunnel be allowed to be built near Stonehenge?

**Virtual Assembly:** Found on the Picture News website, just add /discuss



### Hampers for The Besom

If you would like to make a donation for a hamper could we please ask for items to be brought into school **this FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**. There will be boxes at the school gate. Below is a list of the type of things they would very gratefully receive for the family hampers: **Chocolates, biscuits, selections boxes, mince pies and yule logs etc. Tins, pasta, rice and sauce jars. Toys for the children and gifts for the parents (toiletries, nice towels, stationery or something similar are perfect for the parents). Christmas decorations - some tinsel or fairy lights maybe.**

### Animal of the Week

This week, our animal is the toad, so please encourage your child to find out more about this creature. Last week, Freddie and Wilkie kindly brought in some dragonfly cast skins which enabled us to learn more about these amazing creatures and to see them in detail. Many thanks!

### Christmas lunch orders

A reminder that these will be taken in school on Thursday-for the Christmas lunch next week.

Compassion Trust Perseverance

### Socks please

As the weather has now turned wetter, please could you put a spare pair of socks inside your child's spare shoes on Mondays so that they can have comfy, cosy feet after visiting the field.

### Christmas Cards

Don't forget that **THIS FRIDAY (4<sup>th</sup>)** is the day to bring in your card for the whole class, instead of giving Christmas cards to individual classmates. This can be a homemade card or a bought one. The teachers will be put them up in class after quarantining them over the weekend, as we want the classrooms to look extra festive this year!

### Advent

This year, we will be using the Archbishop of York Youth Trust's resources called **Sacred Spaces at Advent**. This aims to inspire children and young people to explore moments of stillness found in the Christmas story. Each of these moments, or as the Archbishop calls them 'sacred spaces', came out of simple everyday activities. Each week, there is a video from the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, sharing a reflection on the theme, which we will watch in school and there are also ideas to join in at home. This week's theme is 'Mary and Joseph at Home'.



We will also be using the Yo-Yo (York Schools and Youth Trust) weekly worship sessions as usual and they have kindly provided an advent calendar for each York school.

### Greatest Hits Radio (formerly Minster FM)

Please see the attached flyer that we have been asked to circulate. This is a reminder that if ever school is unable to open due to severe weather then please tune into their radio station for the latest updates. Radio York will also keep you up to date with school closures and school will send updates via Twitter and Facebook.

### Drop-in flu immunisation clinic

Please see the attached poster from the Childhood Immunisation Team regarding a drop-in flu clinic in York. This will take place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. This is for any children who have missed their nasal flu spray in school and would still like to have it.

Many thanks,

Mrs Christison  
Headteacher